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A file processing apparatus comprising:

file display means for displaying a predetermined file in a predetermined file display region as an icon;

selected file storage means, in response to a selection request with regard to a predetermined file displayed in the file display region, for storing a selected file;

selected file display means for displaying the selected file in a predetermined selected display region as an icon; and

process execution means, in response to a predetermined process request, for subjecting a file stored by the selected file storage means to a predetermined process.

2. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the file display means displays the files in the file display regions as thumbnails.

3. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

selected file cancellation means, in response to a predetermined selection cancel request, for canceling the selection of a portion or all of the files stored by the selected file storage means.

4. The file processing apparatus of claim 2, further

comprising:

selected file cancellation means, in response to a predetermined selection cancel request, for canceling the selection of a portion or all of the files stored by the selected file storage means.

5. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected file display means displays files as thumbnails in the selected file display region.

6. The file processing apparatus of claim 4, wherein the selected file display means displays files as thumbnails in the selected file display region.

7. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected file storage means stores files selected from among a plurality of folders, and that the selected file display means displays these files in one selected file display region.

8. The file processing apparatus of claim 6, wherein the selected file storage means stores files selected from among a plurality of folders, and that the selected file display means displays these files in one selected file display region.

9. The file processing apparatus of claim 7, further

comprising:

folder display means for displaying the folders in which files displayed by the selected file display means in the selected file display region are actually located.

10. The file processing apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

folder display means for displaying the folders in which files displayed by the selected file display means in the selected file display region are actually located.

11. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein the selected file storage means keeps storing the selected files, even after a process has been executed by the process execution means, until a predetermined selection cancel request.

12. The file processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein the selected file storage means keeps storing the selected files, even after a process has been executed by the process execution means, until a predetermined selection cancel request.

13. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

process storage means for storing a plurality of process requests,

wherein the process execution means subjects the files stored by the selected file storage means to a plurality of processes, in response to the plurality of process requests stored in the process storage means.

14. The file processing apparatus of claim 12, further comprising:

process storage means for storing a plurality of process requests,

wherein the process execution means subjects the files stored by the selected file storage means to a plurality of processes, in response to the plurality of process requests stored in the process storage means.

15. The file processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

file selection means for selecting, from among an arbitrary plurality of files, those files that match a predetermined condition.

16. The file processing apparatus of claim 14, further comprising:

file selection means for selecting, from among an arbitrary plurality of files, those files that match a predetermined condition.

17. The file processing apparatus of claim 15, wherein the file selection means selects files from within an arbitrarily defined range.

18. The file processing apparatus of claim 16, wherein the file selection means selects files from within an arbitrarily defined range.

19. A computer readable storage medium on which a program is stored that allows a computer to operate as the file processing apparatus of claim 1.

20. A computer readable storage medium on which a program is stored that allows a computer to operate as the file processing apparatus of claim 18.